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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
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Application Number to be Assigned )  
Filed Concurrently Herewith )  
For: PICKUP APPARATUS OF PIANO )

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 3, please delete "claims 1 or 2" and insert in place therefor --claim 1--.

In claim ~~4~~, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert in place therefor --claim 1--.

In claim ~~5~~, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 4" and insert in place therefor --claim 1--.

In claim ~~6~~, please delete "claims 1 to 5" and insert in place therefor --claim 1--.